

Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Case No. 124046007

UNREPORTED
IN THE APPELLATE COURT
OF MARYLAND

No. 109

September Term, 2025

RICHARD CHARLES JAMES

v.

STATE OF MARYLAND

Nazarian,
Leahy,
Sharer, J. Frederick
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: June 22, 2026

*This is a per curiam opinion. Under Rule 1-104, the opinion is not precedent within the rule of stare decisis nor may it be cited as persuasive authority.

Following a jury trial in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Richard Charles James, appellant, was convicted of second-degree rape, third-degree sexual offense, fourth-degree sexual offense, and second-degree assault. He raises a single issue on appeal: whether the court erred in refusing to strike a prospective juror for cause. For the reasons that follow, we shall affirm the judgments.

Appellant asserts that the court erred in failing to strike prospective juror 6053 for cause because she “expressed a bias in favor of alleged victims of sexual abuse and hesitated as to whether she could hypothetically find the defendant not guilty.” As an initial matter, appellant’s claim of error is waived because, after the jury was selected, counsel did not renew his objection and informed the court that the jury was “[a]cceptable.” *See Thomas v. State*, 301 Md. 294, 310 (1984) (“[A]ny objection to the composition of the jury or the panel of talesmen was waived when [appellant] unequivocally indicated that the jury was acceptable to him.”). But even if not waived, we would still affirm because appellant had peremptory strikes remaining at the conclusion of jury selection. Consequently, even if the court erred in not striking the prospective juror for cause, the error was not reversible. *See Morris v. State*, 153 Md. App. 480, 496 (2003) (“If disqualification for cause is improperly denied, but the accused has not exercised all allowable peremptory challenges, there is no reversible error.” (quoting *White v. State*, 300 Md. 719, 728 (1984))).

**JUDGMENTS OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY
AFFIRMED. COSTS TO BE PAID
BY APPELLANT.**